

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Winona Soil and Water Conservation District FY05 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

- Promote forage based crop rotations
- Promote livestock based agriculture
- Promote proper land application of agriculture waste
- Promote erosion control
- Promote surface and groundwater quality
- Promote proper woodland management

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

See additional local resource concern (question #3). The local work group utilized the Winona County Geological Atlas to allocate additional points to areas in Winona County identified as areas of high and medium pollution susceptibility

3. Prioritize and weight each local resource concern for the district. Weight must be between 1 and 10:

Factor	Resource Priority	Weight
A1. Erosion Control	high-1	10
A2 Gully Control	high-5	6
B1 Water Resource	high-2	9
B2 Wastewater/CNMP	high-6	5
C Habitat Improvement	medium-7	4
D Air Quality	medium-10	1
E Impaired Water	medium-9	2
F Distance	medium-11	1
G Grazing System	high-3	8
H Forest Mgt.	medium-8	3
Additional Local*	high-4 (see additional below)	1

* If the additional local concern is scored, describe the concern here and how points will be scored. Include any geographic priorities.

*The additional points listed in question #3 will be allocated to the primary resource concern addressed by each individual application.

The Winona County local work group utilized the Winona County Geologic Atlas to assign additional points under the local resource concern category. Areas in the county identified to have a high susceptibility were allocated 4 additional points. Areas with moderate pollution susceptibility were allocated 2 points. The local work group also allocated 2 points to organic conversions. If an application addresses 2 or more major resource concerns, it will be allocated 2 additional points. No application can receive more than the maximum allowed points under this category.

The Winona County local work group will continue to promote proper woodland management by setting aside 10% of the Winona County EQIP allocation to be used on forest management applications.

4. Attach the scoring worksheet as recommended for the district.
5. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document

The Winona County local work group recommended no practices be deleted from the 2005 EQIP practice docket.

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 05 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

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